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BY HALL

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to smoking in and on the grounds of long-term
2 care facilities.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 142D.3, subsection 2, Code 2014, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *f.* The grounds of a long-term care facility.
4 Sec. 2. Section 142D.4, subsection 4, Code 2014, is amended
5 by striking the subsection.

6 EXPLANATION

7 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
8 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

9 This bill eliminates the exemption from the prohibitions
10 against smoking that allows smoking in private and semiprivate
11 rooms in long-term care facilities, occupied by one or more
12 individuals, all of whom are smokers and have requested in
13 writing to be placed in a room where smoking is permitted,
14 provided that smoke from these locations does not infiltrate
15 into areas in which smoking is otherwise prohibited. The bill
16 also prohibits smoking on the grounds of a long-term care
17 facility.

18 Long-term care facilities are defined as health care
19 facilities (residential care facilities, nursing facilities,
20 intermediate care facilities for persons with mental
21 illness, and intermediate care facilities for persons with
22 an intellectual disability); elder group homes; and assisted
23 living programs.